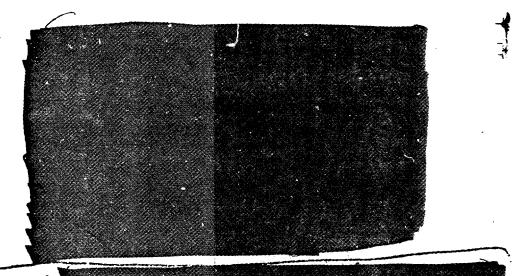
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Viet Cong Prison Camp in Vinh Binh Province Housing Viet Cong Prisoners



was held in a Viet Cong (VC) detention camp located in a mangrove forest near Government of Vietnam (GVN) Long Vinh Village, Long Toan District, Vinh Binh Province.*

could not identify the exact location of the camp. The existence of this camp was previously reported in CS 317/09031/71 by gained his information on the camp from and also from his personal knowledge of the area. According to old him there were Americans detained at the camp. However, during behiefing he said he had seen no U.S. prisoners, during his time in the camp. This report should be read in conjunction with CS 317/09031/71. provided the following information on the camp routine, the treatment of prisoners, and camp security.

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3. After he arrived at the camp, was left alone for a week an them interrogated for two days. During the interrogation, which was conducted by Muoi Rua, Chief of the camp, was not allowed to have food. He was beaten several times during the interrogation. After this, he was left alone again for some three months. At the end of this period he was informed that he had been sentenced to three years.

4. During the early part of detention there was plenty to cat, rice was fed to the prisoners without limit, and they were allowed to eat until they were full. In mid-1969 rations were cut and a mediumwized bowl of rice was given to each prisoner twice a day. The prisoners were not allowed to talk with one another. The guards in the camp often listened to radios, either Peking, Hanoi or Saigon stations. On the Saigon station they listened to traditional Vietnamese plays and always turned off the radio during news broadcasts. COMMENT: said Muoi Rau once told the guards that they were not allowed to listen to radio Peking bucause they did not understand the news regarding the conflict between China and the Soviet Union and it would "confuse their spirit." The radio plays were a big favorite with the guards and said he doubted the VC would ever be able to prevent their listening.)

5. In late 1970 during an airstrike on the camp, all prisoners were put on alert and marched into the jungle for safety. They were bound hand and foot and left under guard for three days. During this time.

This was the only time saw the other prisoners at the camp.

6. The camp consisted of two huts, each about 8 by 4 by 1.7 meters in size, separated by a narrow alley. There may have been other huts but only knew of the two, and he saw them only during the airstrike. There were about ten guards at the camp, armed with various weapons. The prisoners were kept under guard at all times.

7. Muoi Rua, Chief of the camp, was about 40 years old and was armed with a U.S. pistol.*

COMMENT:

supplied names of 19 prisoners but assumed

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